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Title: MESSAGE EXCHANGE AND METHOD FOR DISSEMINATING MESSAGES IN
TELEPHONE NETWORKS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please see the attached "Clean Version of the Specification" and "Marked Up Copy of the Specification" indicating the changes made. Please note that the claims and abstract are added and amended as shown in the amendment. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added by these changes.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-2¹⁸ without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

R1.124 1677 (New) A message exchange for receiving and storing spoken messages and transmitting these messages to one or more subscribers, to whom the messages are addressed, in a public switched telephone network, to which the message exchange is connected, wherein the message exchange comprises: